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VIA HAND DELIVERY

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Deena Sheppard-Johnson, SR-6J  
Remedial Enforcement Support Section  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
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Re: Allegheny Chemical Corporation  
General Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information  
The Chemical Recovery Systems Site, Elyria, Ohio

Dear Ms. Johnson:

We have been retained to represent Allegheny Chemical Corporation ("Allegheny Chemical") concerning the Chemical Recovery Systems Site in Elyria, Ohio (the "Site"). In accordance with the March 14, 2001 telephone conversation between Thomas Nash and Michael Zachara, Allegheny Chemical received an extension to respond to the General Notice of Potential Liability until March 19, 2001.

Upon initial review of the information provided, Allegheny Chemical does not believe that it has any nexus to the Site, and has not been able to substantiate the allegation that it is liable as a "responsible party" for costs associated with any response actions undertaken at the Site pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 USC § 9601, *et seq.* The inventory data forwarded to Mr. Zachara by Mr. Nash refers to shipments by "Allegheny Solvents." We currently have no information to suggest that this company is in any way associated with Allegheny Chemical.

We are, however, in the process of collecting the information responsive to the Request for Information. If we discover or are provided with information to indicate that Allegheny Chemical has potential liability at the Site, Allegheny Chemical will be willing to cooperate with USEPA and participate with other liable parties in financing or performing its fair share of any necessary response activities.

Mr. Thomas Nash  
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As our investigation is ongoing, we request an extension to respond to the Request for Information until May 2, 2001. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Thomas Nash, USEPA

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